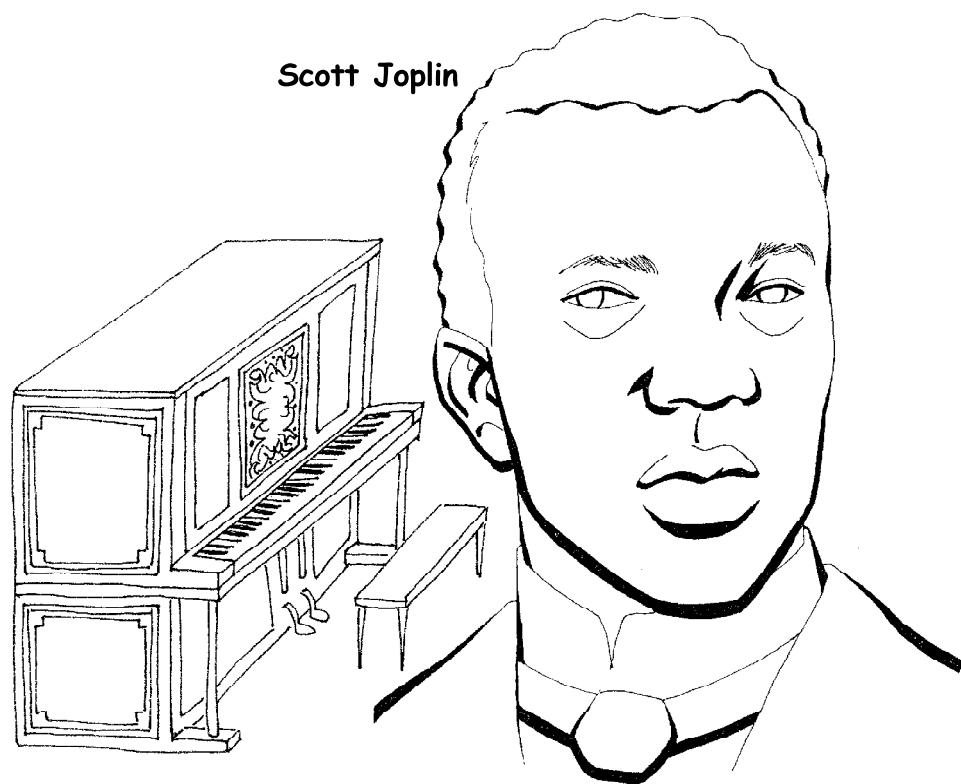




Edith Irby Jones

In 1948 Dr. Edith Irby Jones of Hot Springs was the first African American student to attend the University of Arkansas School of Medicine (now the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences). Later she became the first woman to lead the National Medical Association and helped sponsor the establishment of a medical clinic in Haiti. Today Dr. Jones has a private practice in Houston, Texas.



Scott Joplin

Scott Joplin was a ragtime composer and musician born in the Texarkana area around 1868. He became world-famous for his ragtime music. His "Maple Leaf Rag," composed in 1899, sold more than a million copies of sheet music and earned Joplin the title "King of Ragtime."

